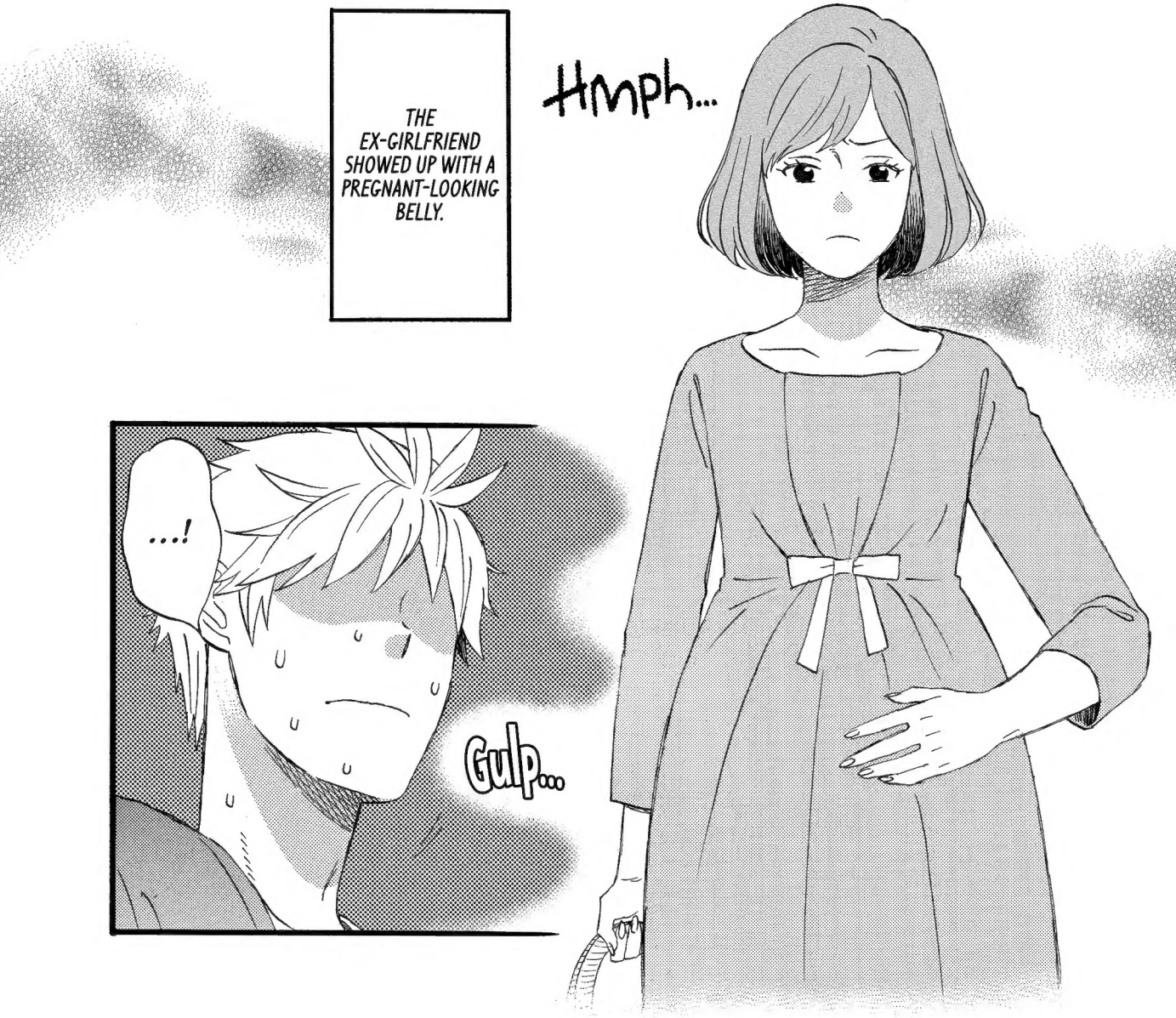
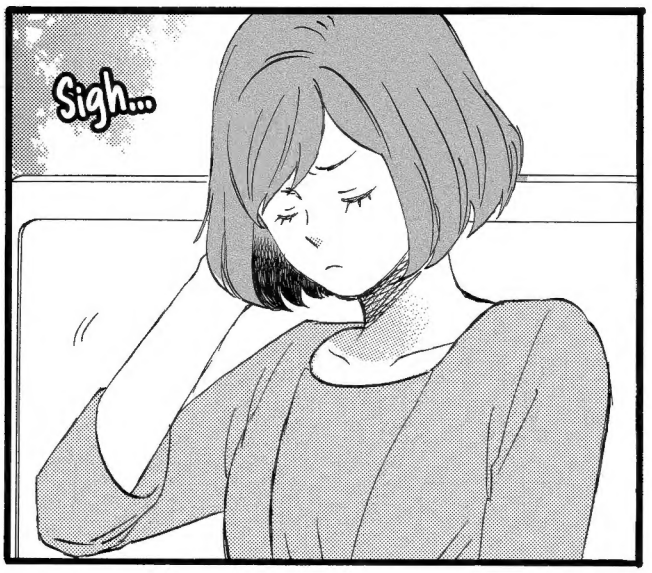
Chapter 28: Kirishima-kun's Ex-Girlfriend



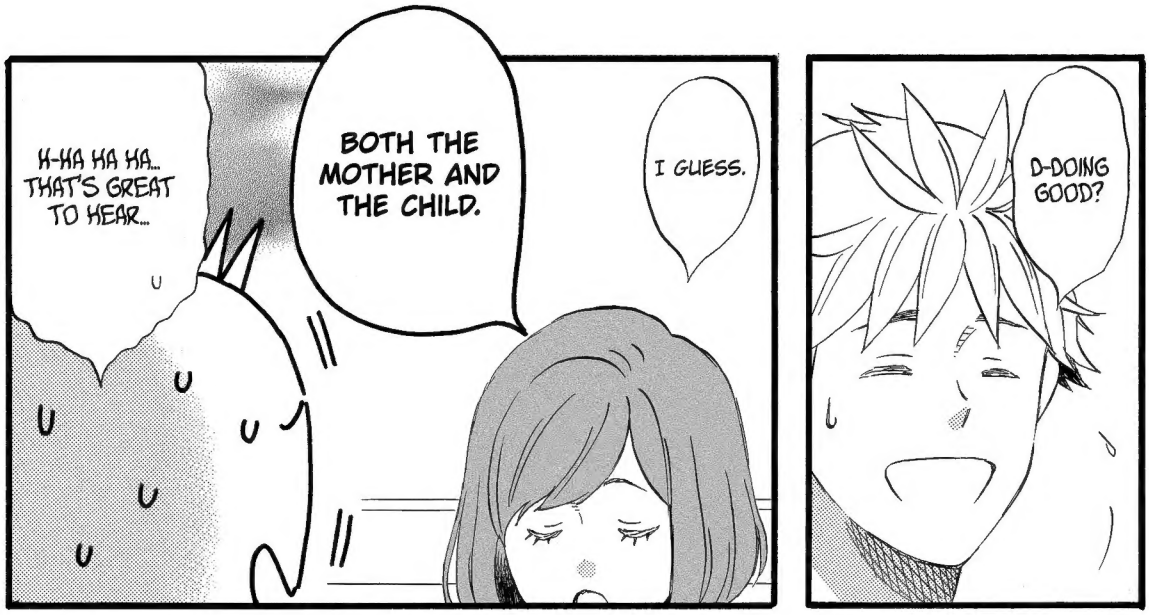

Sigh...

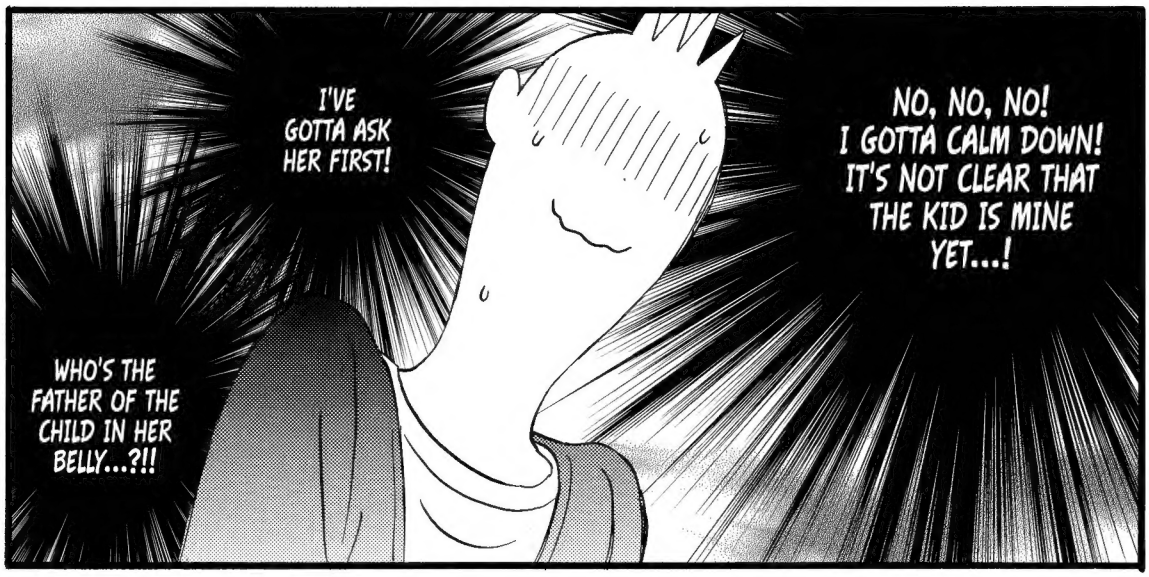
Creak

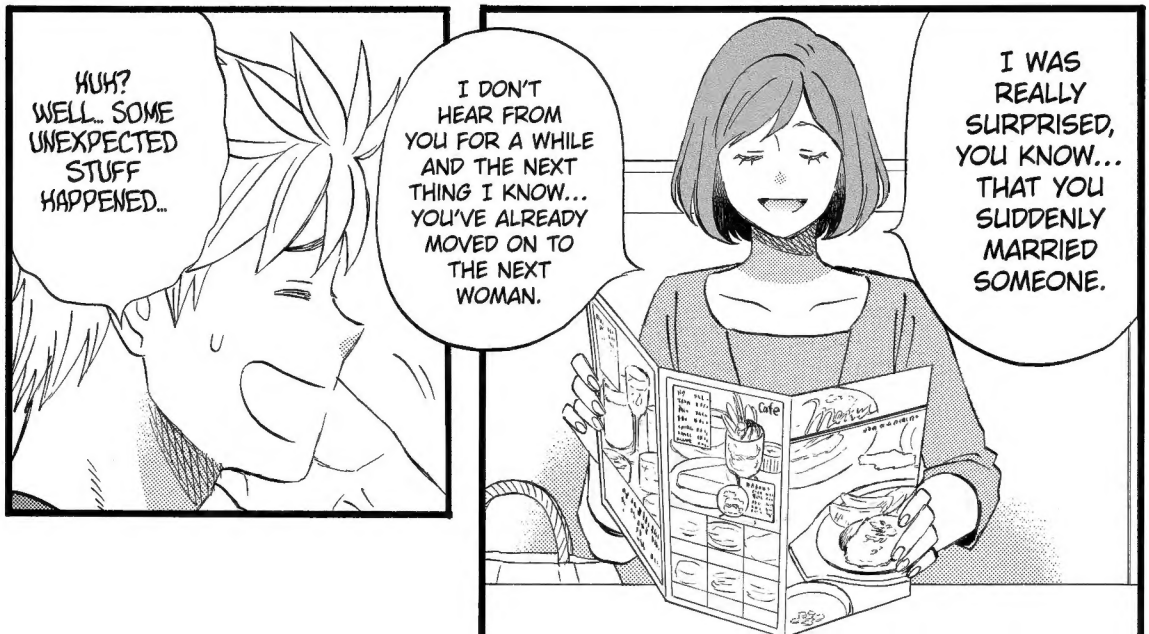
L-
Creak
LONG TIME NO SEE...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

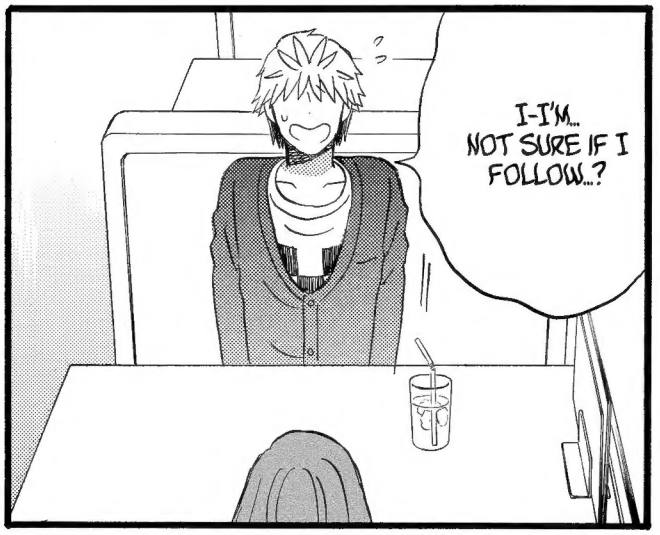
Silence...
UMM...


H-HA HA HA... THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR...
BOTH THE MOTHER AND THE CHILD.
I GUESS.
D-DOING GOOD?


I'VE GOTTA ASK HER FIRST!
NO, NO, NO! I GOTTA CALM DOWN! IT'S NOT CLEAR THAT THE KID IS MINE YET...!
WHO'S THE FATHER OF THE CHILD IN HER BELLY...?!!

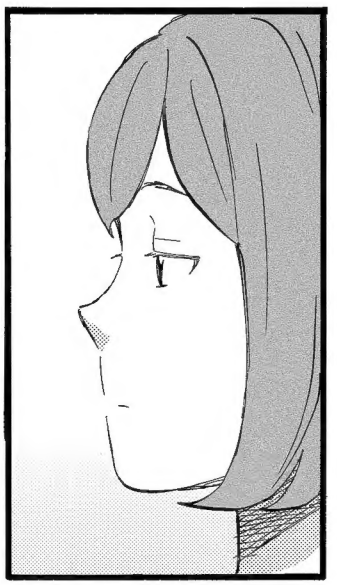

HUH? WELL... SOME UNEXPECTED STUFF HAPPENED...
I DON'T HEAR FROM YOU FOR A WHILE AND THE NEXT THING I KNOW... YOU'VE ALREADY MOVED ON TO THE NEXT WOMAN.
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED, YOU KNOW... THAT YOU SUDDENLY MARRIED SOMEONE.

SO?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

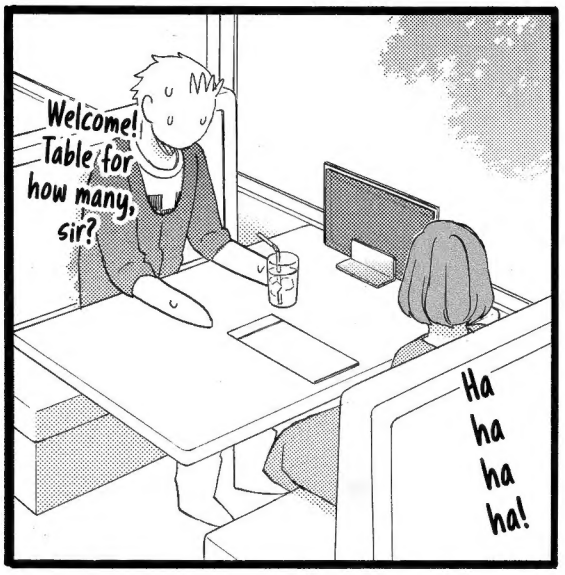

I-I'M... NOT SURE IF I FOLLOW...?

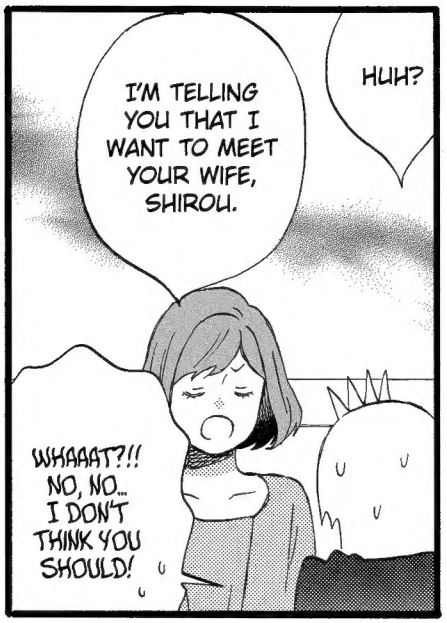
SWEAT

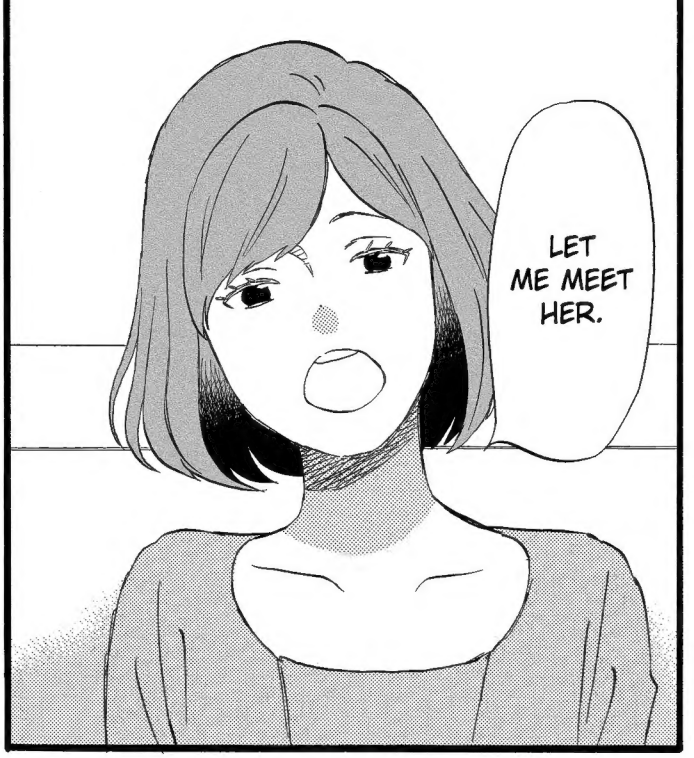
DURING THE TIME WE WERE SEPARATED...
I'VE BEEN CARRYING THIS CHILD ON MY OWN...

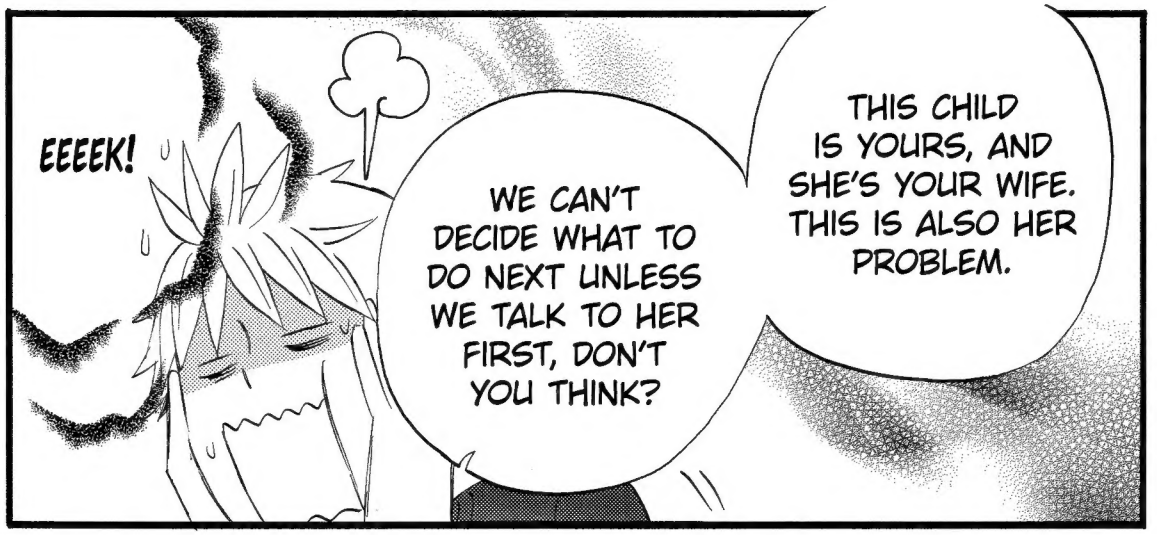


I'M WONDERING HOW YOU INTEND TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, FATHER?




I'M TELLING YOU THAT I WANT TO MEET YOUR WIFE, SHIROU.
HUH?
WHAAAT?!! NO, NO... I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD!


LET ME MEET HER.


EEEEK!
WE CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO DO NEXT UNLESS WE TALK TO HER FIRST, DON'T YOU THINK?
THIS CHILD IS YOURS, AND SHE'S YOUR WIFE. THIS IS ALSO HER PROBLEM.

HMM... THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY WRONG, BUT ALSO NOT ENTIRELY CORRECT...
I HEARD YOU WERE DUPED INTO MARRYING SOME DESPERATE OLD HAG WITH A HIGH INCOME.

...
UM... HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY WIFE?

Stab
Stab
Stab
Stab
Stab
Stab

HONESTLY, YOU'RE SUCH A PATHETIC FATHER THAT I'D NEVER INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FRIENDS.

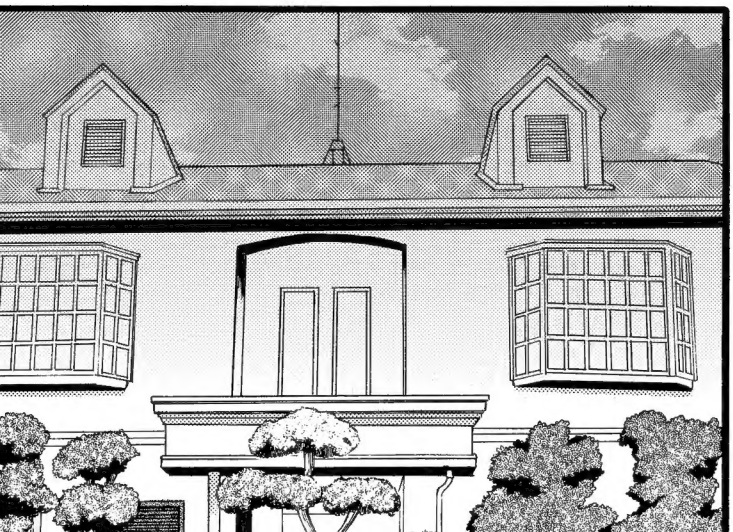
YOU'RE LETTING A WOMAN TAKE CARE OF YOU!

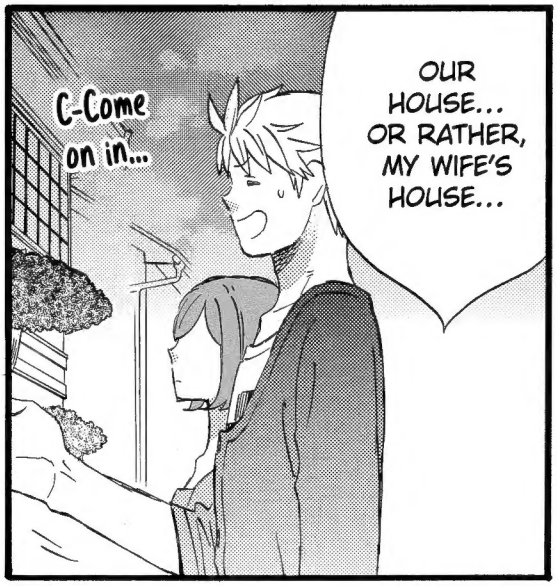
YOU'RE AN IDIOT, AREN'T YOU?

AND NOW IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE QUITE CONTENT WITH YOUR NEW, JOBLESS LIFE AS A HOUSE-HUSBAND.

DON'T YOU FEEL ASHAMED OF YOURSELF AS A MAN?

EEEEK... WHAT A RELENTLESS MENTAL ASSAULT!




C-Come on in...
OUR HOUSE... OR RATHER, MY WIFE'S HOUSE...

SO THIS IS YOUR HOUSE?
...WITHOUT FINDING A SOLUTION, I'VE BROUGHT HER HOME.

MAYBE WE SHOULD LEAVE THIS FOR ANOTHER DAY.
What do you think?
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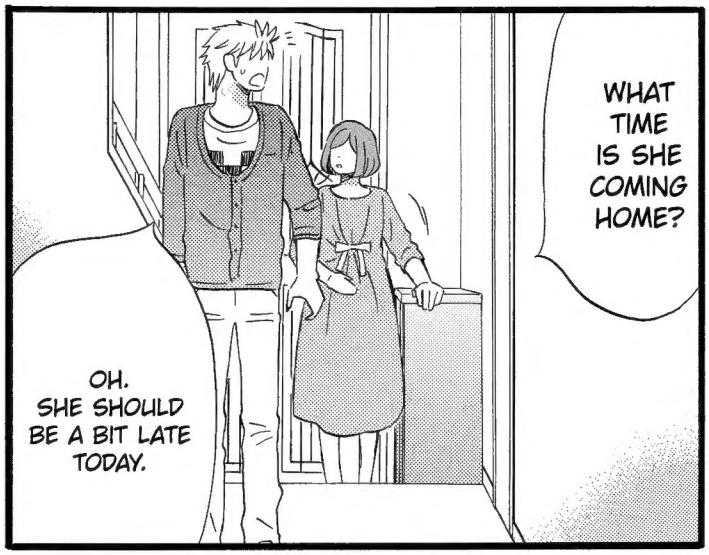
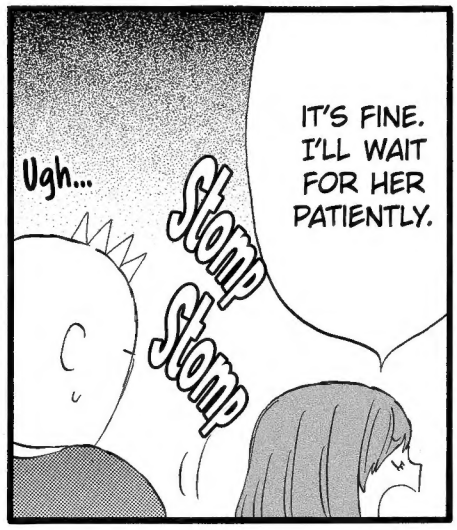
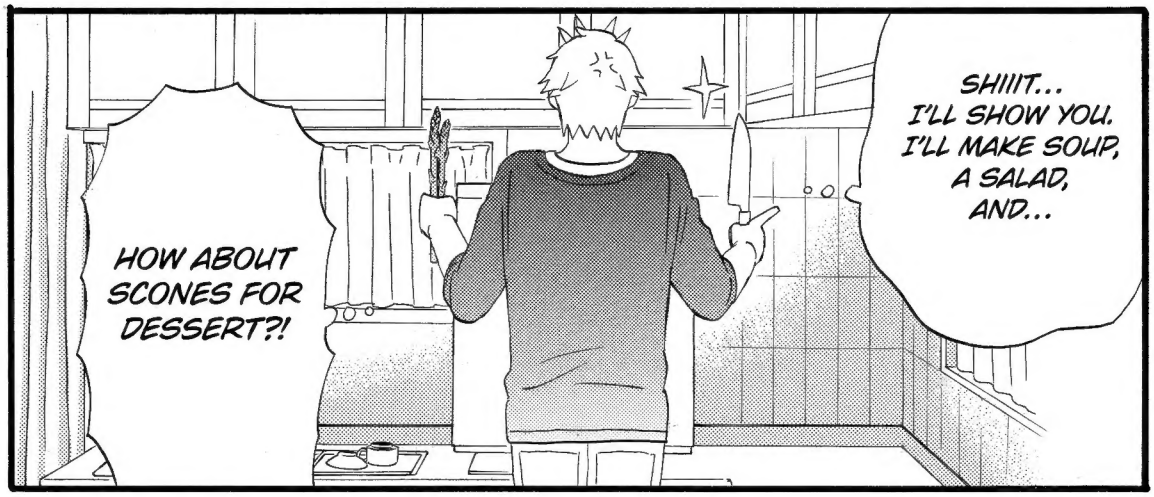

WHAT TIME IS SHE COMING HOME?
OH. SHE SHOULD BE A BIT LATE TODAY.

DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT? I'M STARVING!
UHH... I CAN MAKE YOU SOME PASTA QUICKLY IF YOU WANT.
YOU... MAKING PASTA?


IT'S FINE. I'LL WAIT FOR HER PATIENTLY.
Ugh...
Stomp Stomp

I FEEL LIKE... SHE'S COMPLETELY UNDERESTIMATING ME.
BUT SURE. I'LL EAT IT.
YOU, WHO COULDN'T DO HOUSEWORK AT ALL, ARE MAKING DINNER? UNBELIEVABLE.


HOW ABOUT SCONES FOR DESSERT?!
SHIIIT... I'LL SHOW YOU. I'LL MAKE SOUP, A SALAD, AND...

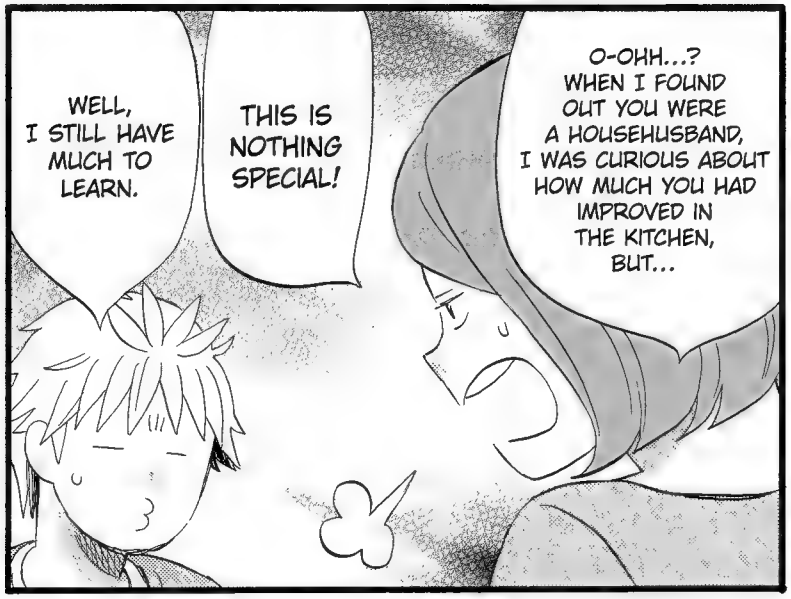
HERE YOU GO.
NICE AND WARM...

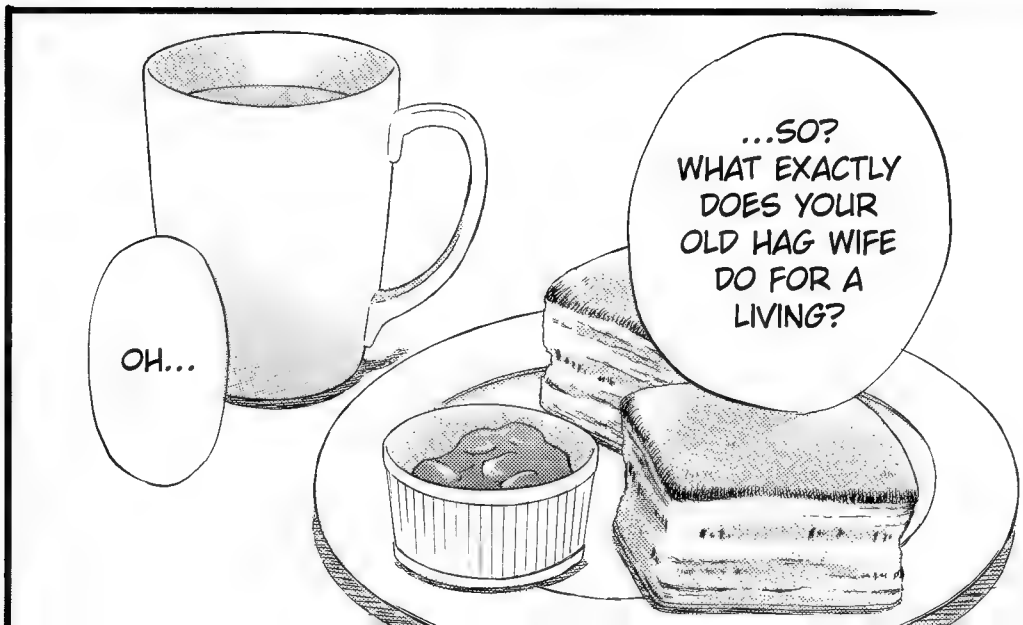
Chomp
Munch
Munch
...

Twirl
Twirl

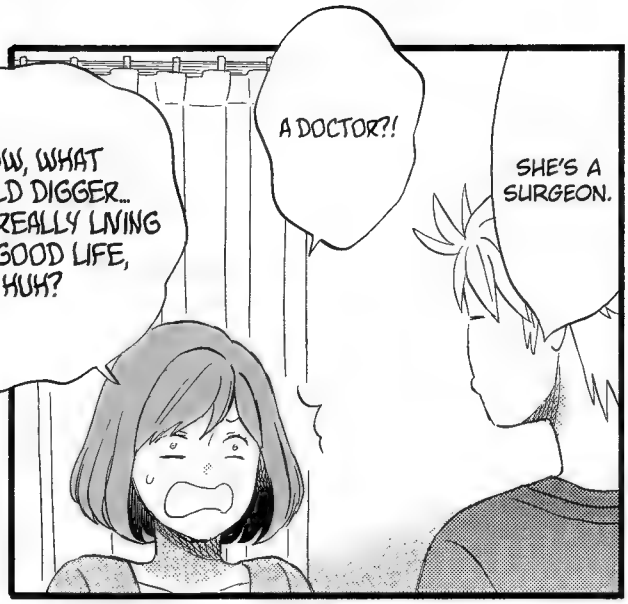
...THANKS FOR THE FOOD.

SHE COMPLAINED A LOT, YET SHE STILL ATE THE WHOLE THING IN RECORD TIME.
Fwshhh...
Clack
Clack


WELL, I STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN.
THIS IS NOTHING SPECIAL!
O-OHH...? WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU WERE A HOUSEHUSBAND, I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU HAD IMPROVED IN THE KITCHEN, BUT...


OH...
...SO? WHAT EXACTLY DOES YOUR OLD HAG WIFE DO FOR A LIVING?

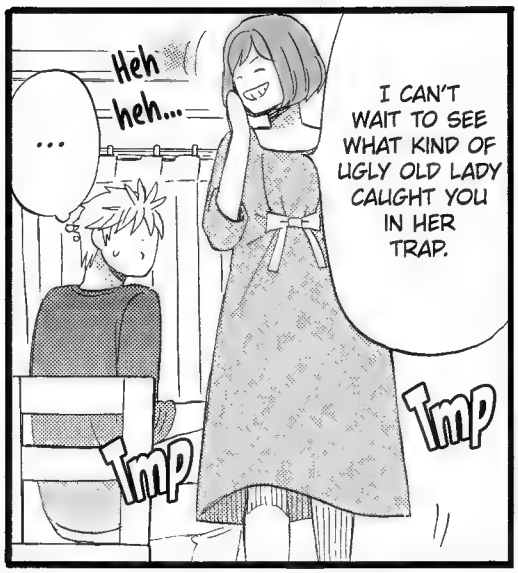
WELL... I DON'T THINK MY CURRENT LIFE'S REALLY THAT GREAT.


WOW, WHAT A GOLD DIGGER... YOU'RE REALLY LIVING THE GOOD LIFE, HUH?
A DOCTOR?!
SHE'S A SURGEON.

I'M NOT LIVING THE "GOOD LIFE" AT ALL. IN FACT, I THINK YOU'RE MAKING MY JOB SOUND A LOT BETTER THAN IT REALLY IS.
THERE'S NO MAID TO HELP ME WITH THE HOUSEWORK, SO IT'S ALL ON ME. AND I'M SCREWED IF I DON'T DO THINGS RIGHT.
I'M NOT A GUY WHO LIKES LUXURY. I DON'T EVEN WEAR GOOD CLOTHES OR ANYTHING.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T COOK OR CLEAN AT ALL...!!
Bang
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL MAKE A GOOD HOUSEWIFE AT THIS RATE, YOU KNOW?
BESIDES... WHAT ABOUT YOU, SAE? YOU WEREN'T GREAT AT EITHER COOKING OR CLEANING.
Sip...

I ONLY SAID THAT BECAUSE I NOW UNDERSTAND HOW HARD IT IS TO BECOME A DECENT HOUSEKEEPER!
UHH... DON'T GET ME WRONG. I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THAT!
YOU LIVED ALONE AND ONLY ATE CONVENIENCE STORE FOOD! WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE TIMES I COOKED FOR YOUR OWN GODDAMN SAKE?!!
THE MEALS YOU MADE WEREN'T ALL THAT GOOD, THOUGH...
Rumble Rumble Rumble


...
Heh heh...
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF UGLY OLD LADY CAUGHT YOU IN HER TRAP.
Tmp
Tmp

EEK! SHE'S BACK...!
I'M HOOOME!
Ker-chak
Slam
OH, MY. I MUST GREET HER, THEN.

IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW MONTHS SINCE WE BROKE UP. WHAT THE HECK?!
WELL, IT'S JUST A RUMOR...
WHAAAT?! SHIROU MARRIED SOMEONE?!!
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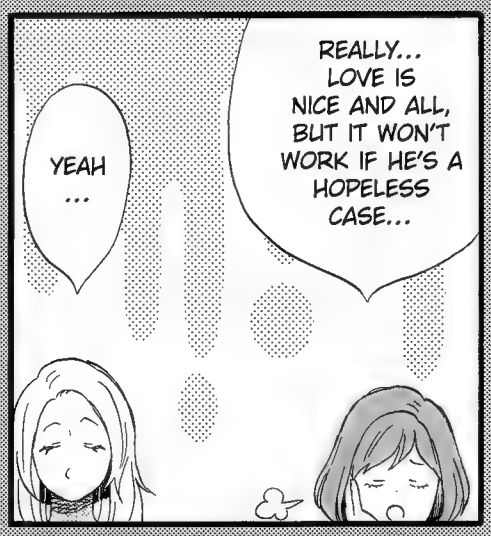
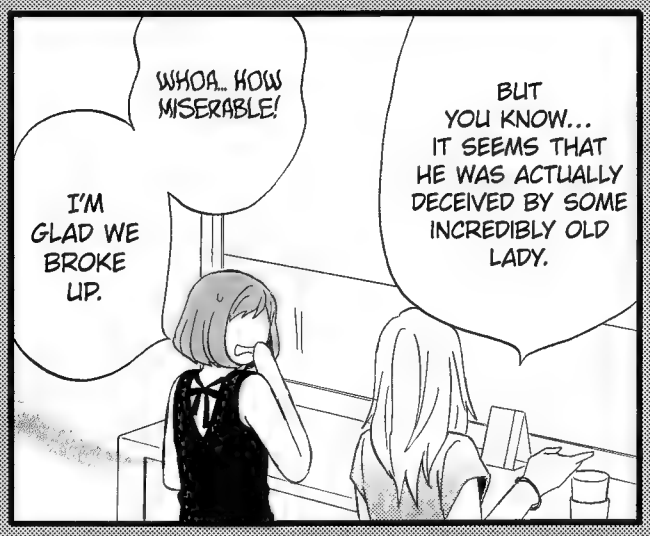
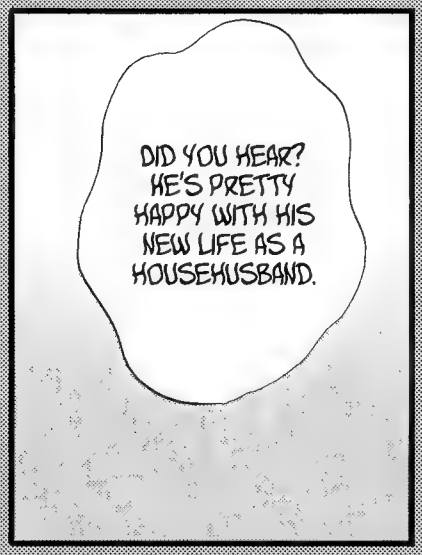
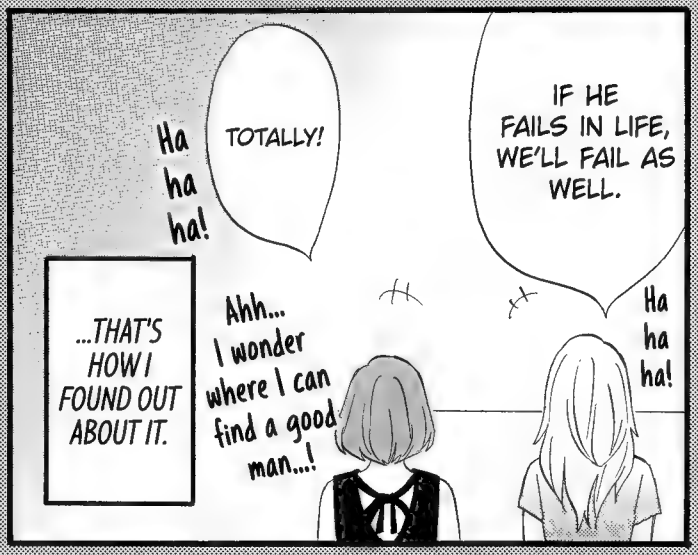
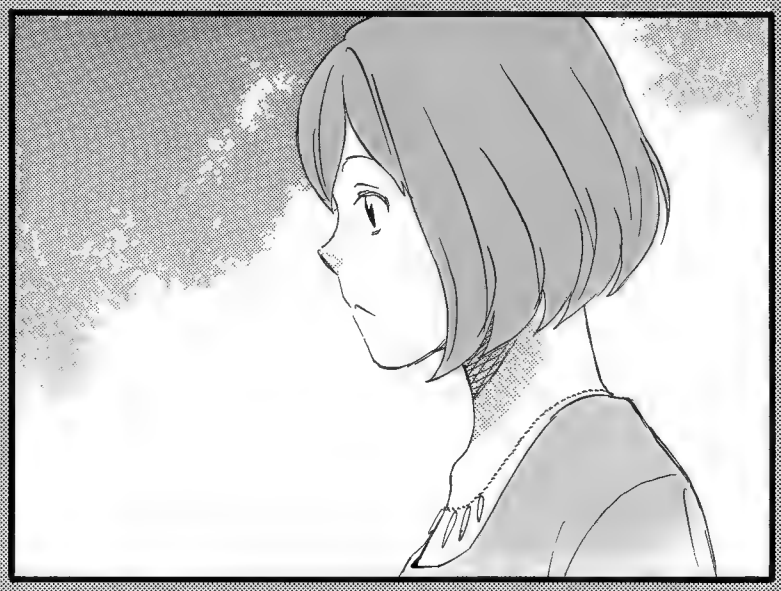

REALLY... LOVE IS NICE AND ALL, BUT IT WON'T WORK IF HE'S A HOPELESS CASE...
YEAH ...


WHOA... HOW MISERABLE!
I'M GLAD WE BROKE UP.
BUT YOU KNOW... IT SEEMS THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY DECEIVED BY SOME INCREDIBLY OLD LADY.


DID YOU HEAR? HE'S PRETTY HAPPY WITH HIS NEW LIFE AS A HOUSEHUSBAND.

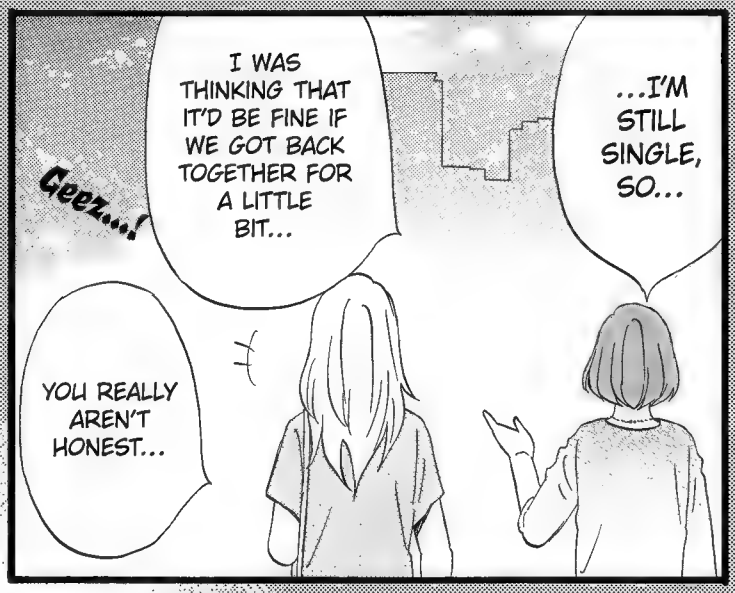

Ha ha ha!
TOTALLY!
IF HE FAILS IN LIFE, WE'LL FAIL AS WELL.
...THAT'S HOW I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT.
Ahh... I wonder where I can find a good man...!
Ha ha ha!

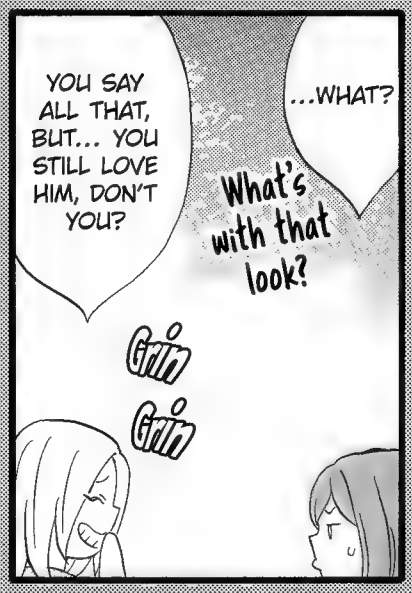


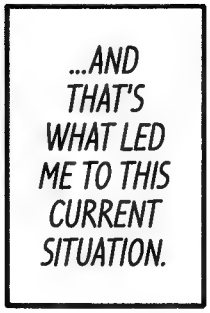
NO WAY! REALLY? THAT'S NUTS...
SURPRISING, RIGHT?!
Ha ha ha!

SURE, HE WAS LAID-OFF BEFORE, BUT... I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED HE WAS THE KIND OF GUY WHO COULD BE SUCCESSFUL IF HE TRIED.
WELL, I MEAN... I FEEL BAD FOR HIM.
I FIGURE I SHOULD CHEER HIM UP A LITTLE.
HE ENDED UP MARRYING THAT OLD LADY, AND DOESN'T EVEN WORK ANYMORE.

MAYBE... I SHOULD TRY CALLING HIM.
HM? AGAIN? WHY WOULD YOU?


I WAS THINKING THAT IT'D BE FINE IF WE GOT BACK TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE BIT...
...I'M STILL SINGLE, SO...
Geez...!
YOU REALLY AREN'T HONEST...


YOU SAY ALL THAT, BUT... YOU STILL LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU?
...WHAT?
What's with that look?
Grin
Grin


...AND THAT'S WHAT LED ME TO THIS CURRENT SITUATION.

OH... THAT'D TERRIFY HIM! NEVERMIND RECONNECTING, THERE'D BE NO GOING BACK AFTER THAT! HA HA!

WHAT IF YOU PRETENDED TO BE PREGNANT?
Ha ha ha!

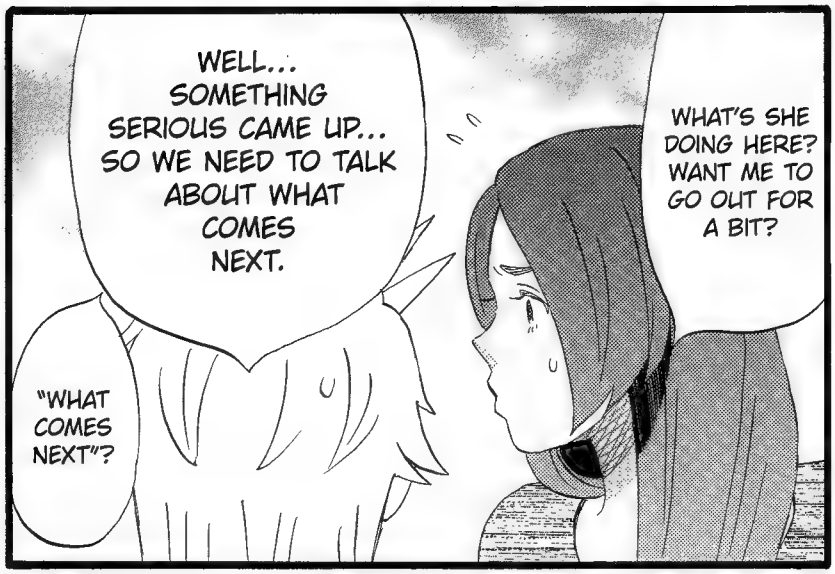
STILL, I KNOW HE WAS DUPED, BUT... IT KINDA PISSES ME OFF THAT HE MARRIED SOMEONE, Y'KNOW?
MAYBE I SHOULD PULL A LITTLE PRANK ON HIM.

WHOA! WHAT? WHO'S THIS?
BOUNG
BE...
...
"BE"?

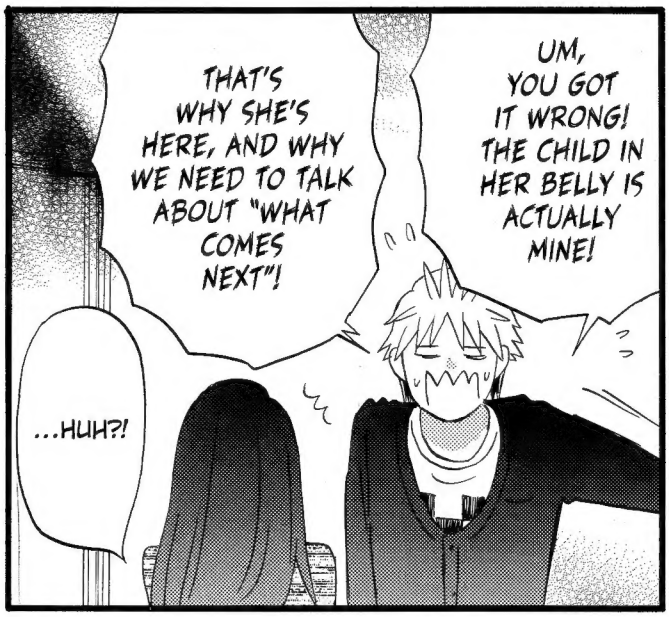
SHE'S MY EX.
FOR REAL?!

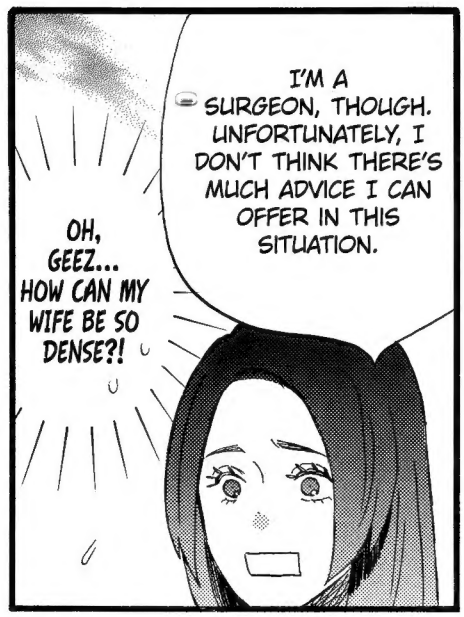
BEING YOUNGER IS MY ONLY ADVANTAGE...
A FRIEND OF YOURS, KIRISHIMA-KUN?
WELL...

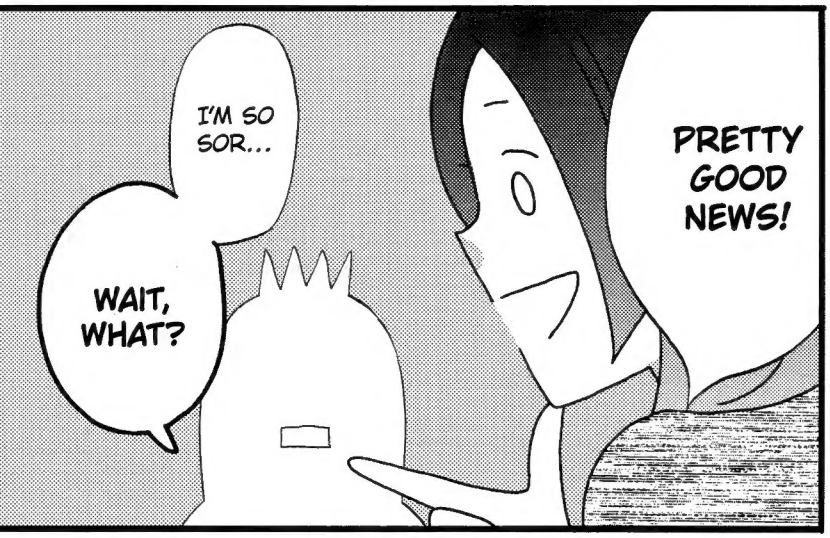
Ah!

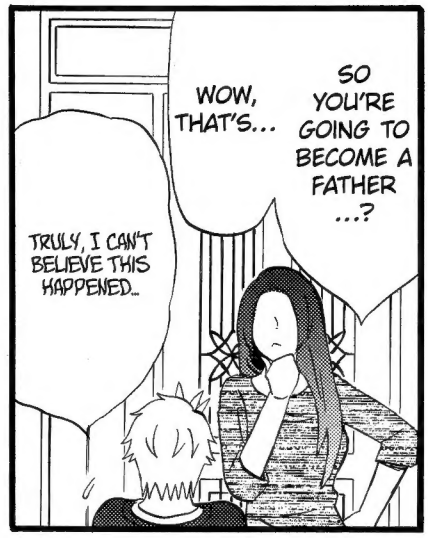

WELL... SOMETHING SERIOUS CAME UP... SO WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT.
WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE? WANT ME TO GO OUT FOR A BIT?
"WHAT COMES NEXT"?

...HEY. YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND IS PREGNANT, ISN'T SHE?
YES...
OHH... SO THAT'S WHY SHE'S HERE...
YES... I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY...

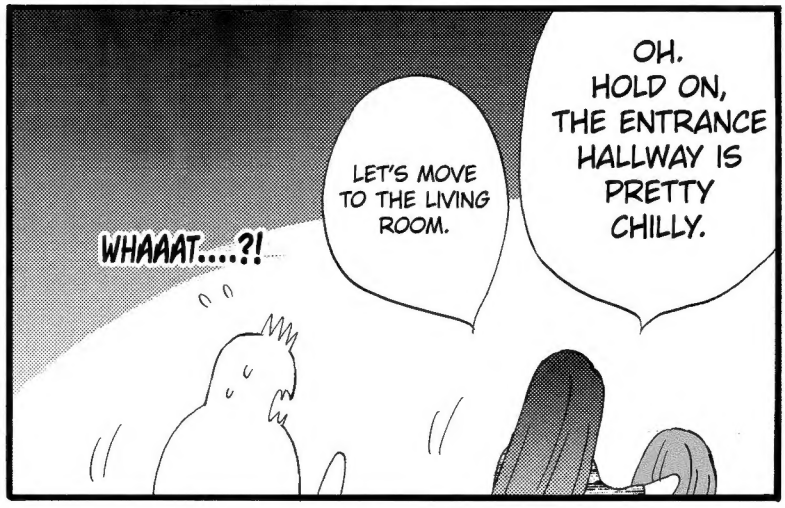

UM, YOU GOT IT WRONG! THE CHILD IN HER BELLY IS ACTUALLY MINE!
THAT'S WHY SHE'S HERE, AND WHY WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT "WHAT COMES NEXT"!
...HUH?!

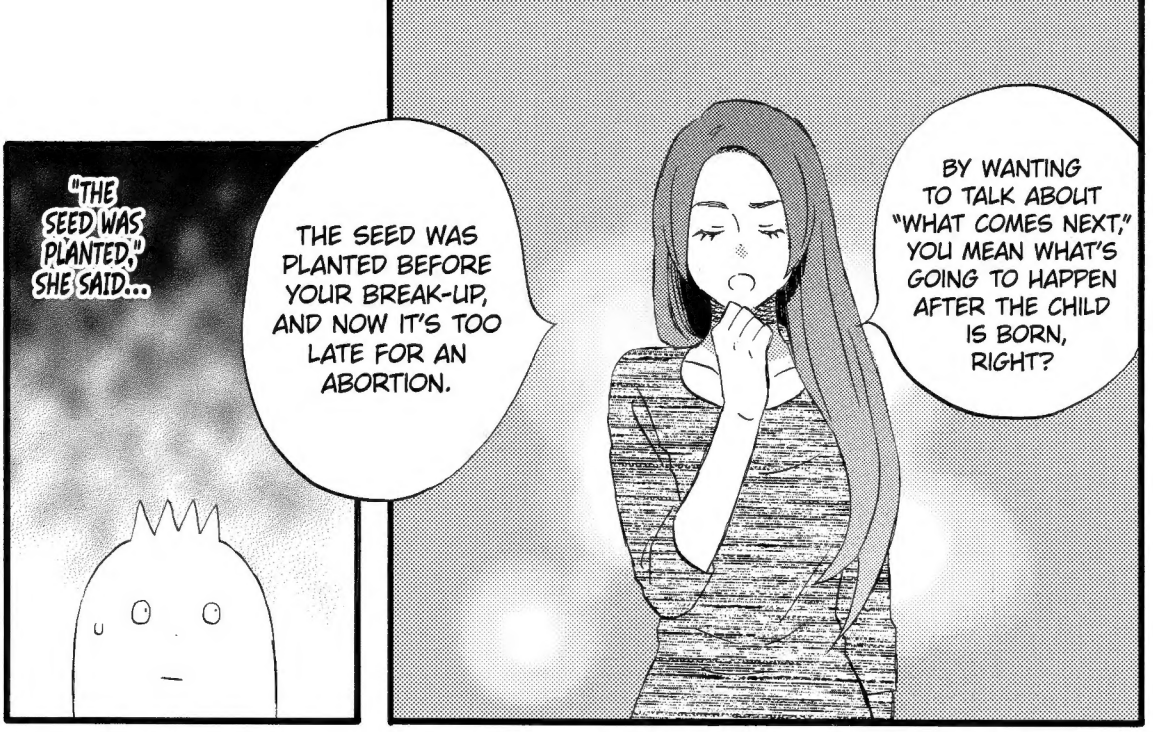

I'M A SURGEON, THOUGH. UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T THINK THERE'S MUCH ADVICE I CAN OFFER IN THIS SITUATION.
OH, GEEZ... HOW CAN MY WIFE BE SO DENSE?!


PRETTY GOOD NEWS!
I'M SO SOR...
WAIT, WHAT?

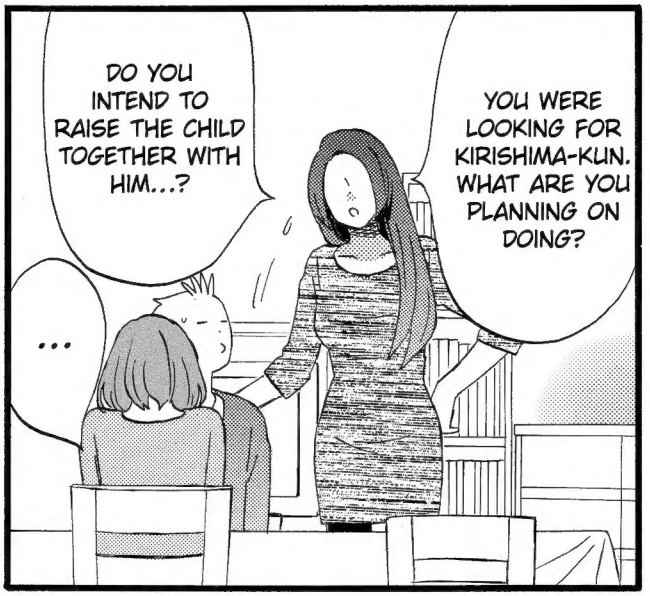

SO YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME A FATHER ...?
WOW, THAT'S...
TRULY, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED...

...ANYWAY.


OH. HOLD ON, THE ENTRANCE HALLWAY IS PRETTY CHILLY.
LET'S MOVE TO THE LIVING ROOM.
WHAAAT....?!


"THE SEED WAS PLANTED," SHE SAID...
THE SEED WAS PLANTED BEFORE YOUR BREAK-UP, AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE FOR AN ABORTION.
BY WANTING TO TALK ABOUT "WHAT COMES NEXT," YOU MEAN WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AFTER THE CHILD IS BORN, RIGHT?

I HAVE NO PLANS FOR THAT AT ALL. SHIROU IS UNEMPLOYED. I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM HIM.
Humble


DO YOU INTEND TO RAISE THE CHILD TOGETHER WITH HIM...?
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR KIRISHIMA-KUN. WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?
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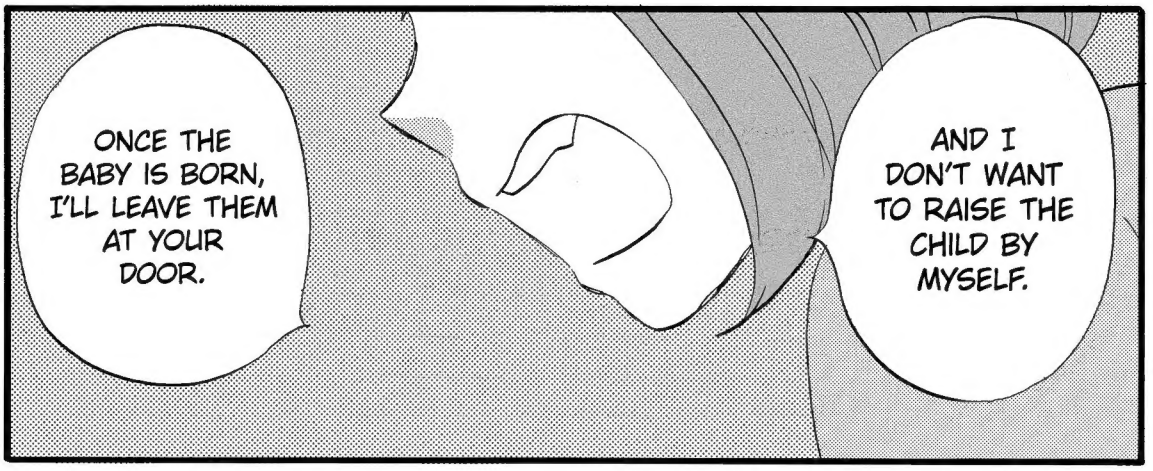
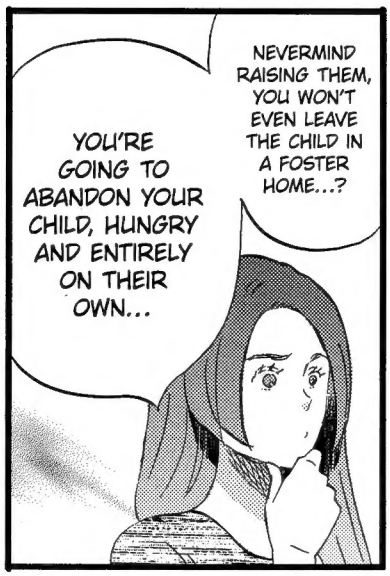
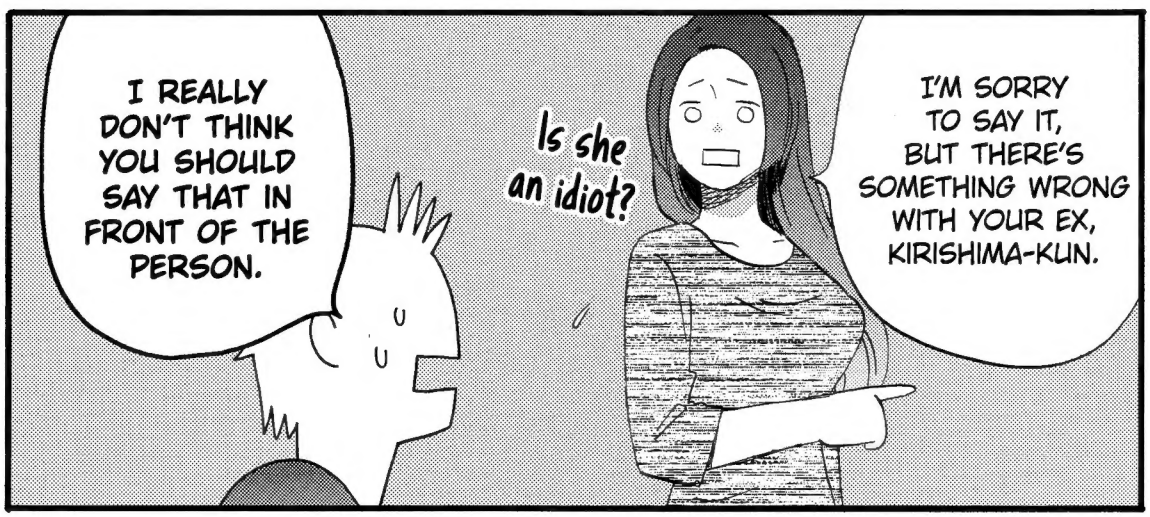
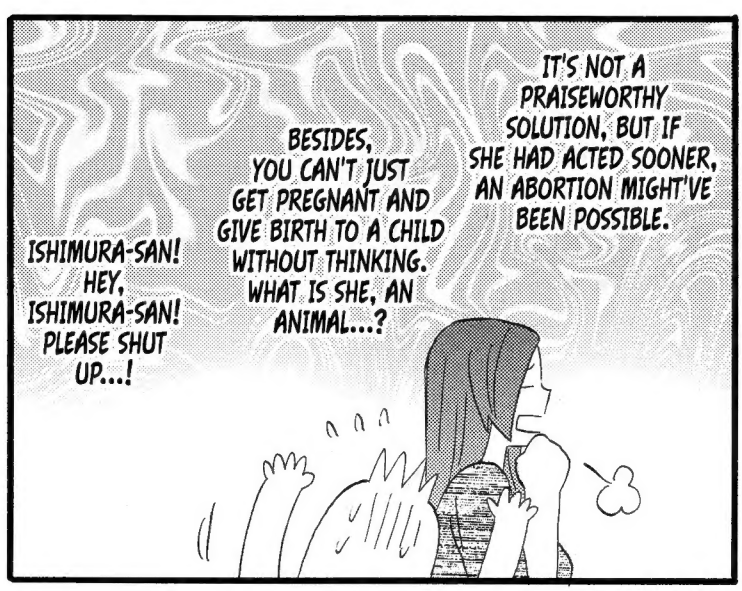
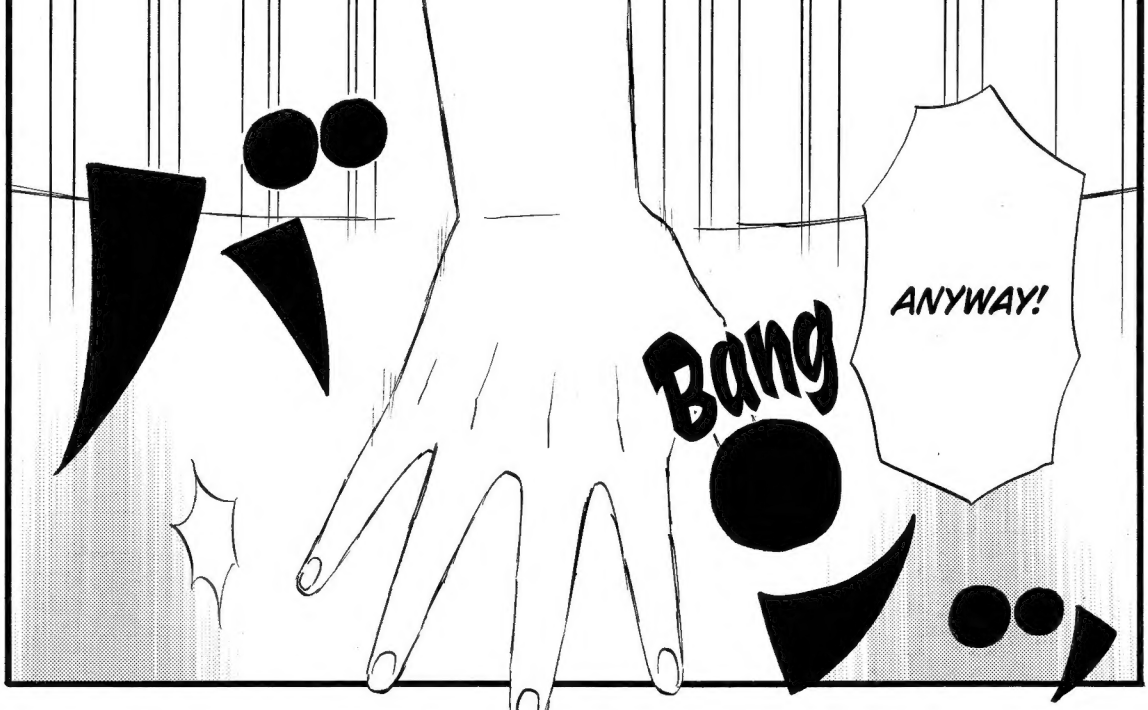

ONCE THE BABY IS BORN, I'LL LEAVE THEM AT YOUR DOOR.
AND I DON'T WANT TO RAISE THE CHILD BY MYSELF.


YOU'RE GOING TO ABANDON YOUR CHILD, HUNGRY AND ENTIRELY ON THEIR OWN...
NEVERMIND RAISING THEM, YOU WON'T EVEN LEAVE THE CHILD IN A FOSTER HOME...?

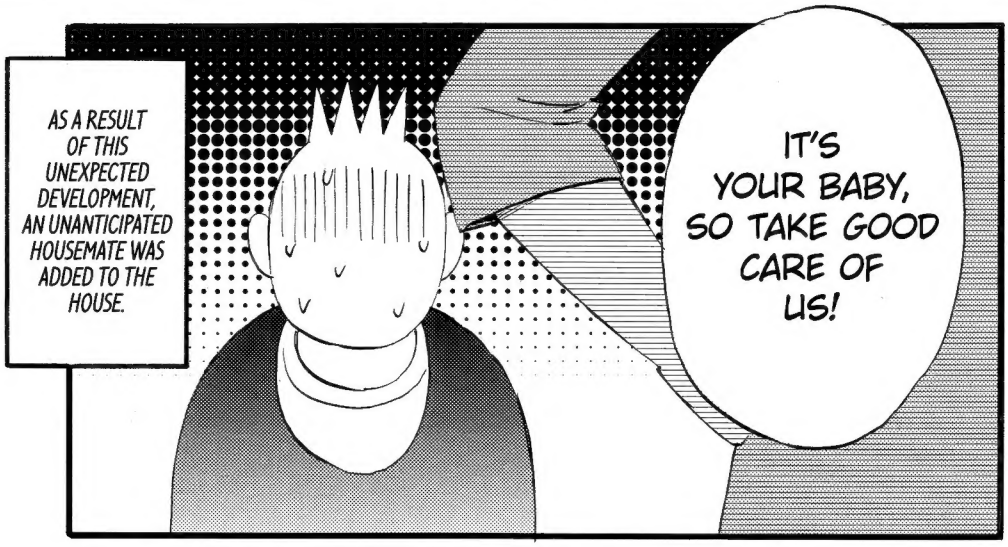
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
Hey...
WHAT...?


I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD SAY THAT IN FRONT OF THE PERSON.
Is she an idiot?
I'M SORRY TO SAY IT, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR EX, KIRISHIMA-KUN.


ISHIMURA-SAN! HEY, ISHIMURA-SAN! PLEASE SHUT UP...!
BESIDES, YOU CAN'T JUST GET PREGNANT AND GIVE BIRTH TO A CHILD WITHOUT THINKING. WHAT IS SHE, AN ANIMAL...?
IT'S NOT A PRAISEWORTHY SOLUTION, BUT IF SHE HAD ACTED SOONER, AN ABORTION MIGHT'VE BEEN POSSIBLE.


ANYWAY!
Bang

I'LL LIVE HERE UNTIL THE CHILD IS BORN!


AS A RESULT OF THIS UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT, AN UNANTICIPATED HOUSEMATE WAS ADDED TO THE HOUSE.
IT'S YOUR BABY, SO TAKE GOOD CARE OF US!